

**PORTER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 12, 2005  
PORTER TOWN HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President William Sexton called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were Vice-President Sandi Snyder, Sandy Boothe, Atty. Hollenbeck, Police Chief James Spanier, Fire Department, J.J. Craig, Supt. of Public Works Karl Bauer, Supt. of Park James Miller and Bldg. Commissioner Bill Lewis.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- June 28, 2005 Snyder made a motion to approve, Boothe seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- Executive Session July 1, 2005 Boothe made a motion to approve, Snyder seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- Special Meeting July 1, 2005 Boothe made a motion to approve, Snyder seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS:**

Claims totaling \$16,776.70 and \$14,907.40. Boothe made a motion to accept and Snyder seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Payroll totaling \$49,570.03. Boothe made a motion to accept and Snyder seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**PETITIONS & COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- Bob Harris 404 Franklin St. - complaining about fireworks. (see attached)
- Bill Cantrell 371 Waverly Rd. – Congratulated everyone involved with the Midnight Parade. He also expressed his dissatisfaction with the proposed Merit system for pay raises. He said this is the worst thing that could happen to the employees.
- Midge Fornshell 1725 Waverly Road – asked for approval of the Annual Street Dance at the Village on July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight. She was told she needs a liquor permit and to apply for an assemblage permit. She has sold the Village as of August 1, 2005 to a couple from Sand Creek.
- Allen Wright – New Life Wesleyan Church- asked permission to put up signs from 8/3/2005 to 8/10/2005. Sexton stated that he needs to get a sign permit which cost \$25. and when all signs are removed he would receive his money back.

## **REPORTS:**

**CLERK TREASURER:** Pomeroy said she received a total of \$167,648.29 from County. She also asked the Council to set up a Budget Workshop. By consensus the Council agreed to July 19, 2005 at 7:00p.m. or immediately following the Police Commission meeting.

**ATTORNEY:** Dave Hollenbeck nothing to report.

**POLICE:** Chief Spanier stated that the Police Commission will review the Noise Ordinance at their next meeting. He also asked permission to transfer \$2,500. from Maintenance Line Item 101-200-224 to Salary Line Item 101-200-112 to monitor Porter Beach. Council asked Hollenbeck for direction and he stated that they could do this by consensus, that a resolution or ordinance was not needed. Vote was unanimous. Spanier also asked permission to hire 2 part-time dispatchers. Boothe made the motion, Snyder seconded. Vote was unanimous. Spanier also stated that The Village Street dance usually had very minor problems, if any. Boothe made the motion to approve the Village Street Dance, Snyder seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**FIRE:** J.J. Craig had no report. He said they are very busy.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Karl gave a report what has been done or is being done the last few weeks which includes installing a gate at Porter Beach, has received 2 bids on surveying for new water lines at Porter Beach, painting curbs and parking spaces, installed clock at Town Hall, getting information to advertise for paving bids, working with Indiana American Water to repair Duneland Drive and Waverly Road, they have lowered the pipe on Oakhill Rd and Hwy 20, have repaired the Triangle lift station. He is researching a grant for the Coastal Zone program and also a grant for planting trees. He also stated that Marquette Point has been completed to the town's specifications.

**PARK:** Jim Miller reported that the Chesterton Art Fair is August 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. He would also like the Town Council permission to use the grant writer. He would like her to apply for a grant for the Dunes Meadow Park for equipment. By consensus Council agreed. He is also working with the Public Works Dept to obtain 5 concrete blocks to block off the newly created access to Lake Charles. The new sign with the rules will be installed at the only entrance at Washington & Irving Street.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT:** There are 7 new contractors with a new total of 330. Bill Lewis went to 6 Box Lane to check progress of house that is to be demolished, he stated that very little has been done and doubts that they will be able to meet the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The sheds at Porter Beach have not been removed and Hollenbeck said he will check and get back with Lewis. The property at Rankin and Porter Avenue needs to be cleaned and mowed, Hollenbeck said that he will call the owner.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Animal Control Ordinance needs to be put in ordinance form, Hollenbeck said he would have it for the next meeting.
- Sewer Rate increase Ordinance 2005-06 had first reading. Snyder made the motion to number and read and Boothe seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- PCCRVC reduction of permit. Snyder was happy for them building in Porter and feels they are an asset to the community. She feels the Council should not reduce the fees for permits since the Council has refused other request to do the same. By consensus the Council agreed not to reduce fees.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Porter Beach Parking Ordinance. By consensus was sent to Police Commission for review.
- National Lakeshore parking lot. They want permission to run a waterline across alley to homeowner on well. Boothe made a motion to approve the easement, Snyder seconded. Vote unanimous.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Sexton stated that NIRPC said phase 2 of the Coastal Community project that the town should participate. It will run from Illinois to Michigan. Sexton feels this is a benefit.

Boothe made the motion to adjourn at 9:08pm, Snyder seconded.

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William F. Sexton, President

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Sandi Snyder, Vice President

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Sandy Boothe

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk-Treasurer

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2005.